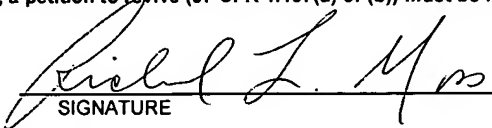


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| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 | | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 056982/ 53 |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2003/009544 | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 28 August 2003 | U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/525790 |
| TITLE OF INVENTION PNEUMATIC SPRING SYSTEM FOR A VEHICLE | | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 02 September 2002 |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US GEIGER, Hartmut et al. | | |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: | | |
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| The following fees have been submitted | | | | CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY | |
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| 23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority..... \$100 International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office..... \$400 All other situations..... \$500 | | | | \$ 400.00 | |
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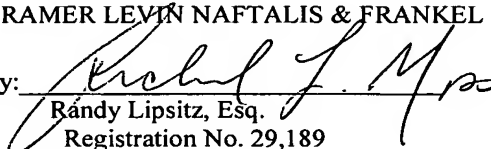
- (X) Transmittal (Form PTO-1390)
- (X) English translation of Int'l Application w/ drawings (72 pages)
+ WO 2004/024477 A 1 cover sheet with English Abstract
- (X) Unexecuted Declaration and Power of Attorney
- (X) IDS w/ Form PTO/SB/08A, copy of Int'l Search Report and listed references
- (X) 2nd copy of published Int'l Application (35 USC 154(d)(4)) including copy of
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